

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1498
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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal from State Government of Bihar for setting up of new agricultural universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa of Bihar to a National/ Central Agriculture University; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the University is likely to be upgraded?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE)/Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has forwarded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (duly signed by the Secretary, DARE) to the Government of Bihar on 29.11.2013 for finalization and signature for the conversion of the Rajendra Agricultural University into a Central Agricultural University. The MoU is to be signed by the Government of Bihar.